

SCHOOLS

FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton School News

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First impressions of high school life

by Stephanie Herold

It's true. We are all scared and nervous at various times in our lives. We might not like to admit it, but starting high school as a 7th grader is one of those times.

There are rumors that you might be thrown in a trash can if you look at a senior the wrong way, horror stories about teachers, and just the normal stress over learning where to go and what to do.

However, not everything you hear is true, and most students actually look forward to the new and exciting experiences. Students enjoy having lockers, coke at break, clubs, and pep rallies.

After surveying the 7th grade class on their first impressions of high school, many things quickly became clear.

This year's 7th graders most enjoy the teachers and how much freedom they seem to have. The biggest thing that they look forward to is joining varsity sports. And graduation is on everyone's mind, even though they have a long way to go.

This is what they had to say: **What is your favorite thing about high school?**

"The teachers are my most favorite." Christopher Marler
"I really like the new hand director. He's cool." Alyssa Brown
"Mrs. Barnhill." Kyle Peacock

What is your least favorite thing about high school?

"Do you look forward to anything later in high school?"
"I look forward to clubs and the varsity softball team." Heather Hendrix

"Yes, I look forward to getting involved in clubs." Brittany Clarke

"Graduating high school is what I look forward to." Angela Marshall

New coach leads NBHS basketball

by Josh Lindley

It's getting to be that time again. Basketball season here! The new coach, Paul Marsh, is definitely ready. He said his main goal this year is to make the playoffs, but he added, "Everyone is going to have to work hard and play as a team."

Many of the Coach Paul Marsh players look to Rashard Andrews to step up and lead the team.

In their words, "He is a senior who has been around for a long time."

Sticking with something deserves respect, and they think it's obvious that Rashard has the right attitude to set a good example.

Coach Marsh expects to win, but knows it will be a year of adjustments.

"Discipline is important," he said. "I want them to come together, give 100 percent, and play the game right."

It looks like everyone's anxious and excited about the upcoming season.

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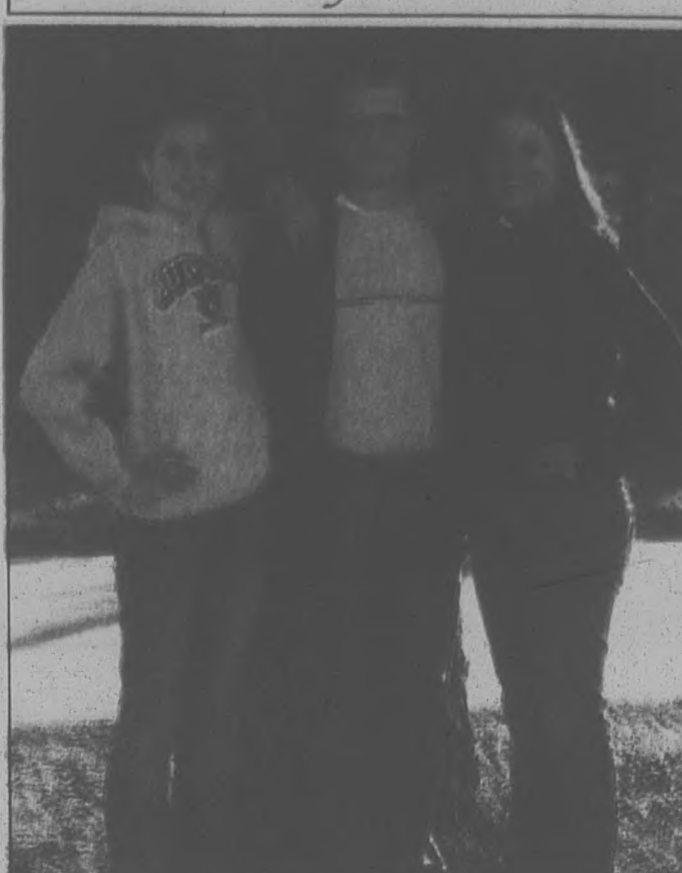
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Students of the Month



New Brockton High School's "Students of the Month" for November were: Heather Hendrix, Aaron Pope and Ashlie Caylor.

Seniors admit "what I wish I knew"

By the time you become a senior you realize you have learned some things that would have benefited you if you knew them earlier. The Cockpit staff recently posed the question "What I wish I knew" to the seniors, and here are some of our hard-learned lessons.

Many seniors wished they wouldn't have sweated the small stuff so much.

Kayleigh Watson put it this way, "I wish I knew not to worry about all the little dramatic things that go on. They really don't matter."

Many other seniors also wished they knew to stay true to themselves and the people that matter the most to them.

"Don't be someone you're not just to fit in. One day you'll have friends that love you for who you are," Britney Donaldson noted.

Not only that, but the seniors in many instances said they would have prepared themselves better academically.

Chad Anderson said, "I wish I would have paid attention in school then, because I fail everything now!"

John Sawyer said he thinks it's important to develop good study habits earlier, and Desman Harris wished he would have known to keep good notebooks.

In general, all the seniors wished they wouldn't have taken time for granted because it goes by so fast.

Tristan Terry put it the best way, "I wish I knew that life hadn't really started yet. Reality is setting in and I realize that the real world I thought I was in was just playtime. I'm graduating in '06 and decisions still have to be made."

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"Surviving" Ms. Wilkins' class at New Brockton

by Bethany Milligan

Outwit, Outplay, Outlast, the three components required to survive.

Over the past 27 years, seniors at New Brockton High School have been strategizing how to survive senior English. When asking Ms. Wilkins how to survive her class she simply replies, "Use your head!"

The only physical endurance required is staying awake in class. You must have mental alertness and pay attention.

Organizational skills are a must for keeping a complete and accurate notebook. The only alliance needed in class is with your textbook.

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According to Ms. Wilkins, the key to surviving senior English at New Brockton High is for students to use their heads.

ABC's of New Brockton High

by Callie Hollis

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During New Brockton Town Council meeting Dale Grimes appointed "acting" chief of police

by Linda Hodge, Editor

While he has been performing the duties of the job for several months now, the New Brockton Town Council approved a motion Monday evening, Dec. 5, supporting the mayor's official appointment of Dale Grimes as "acting" chief of police.

The motion to support Mayor Charles Cole's appointment came from council member Jeff White with a second from council member Richard Driskell.

The motion was approved unanimously. Cole said Grimes has been a dedicated member of the New Brockton police force, and there have been times he doesn't know how the town would have made it without Grimes.

"I think we're fortunate to have someone like Dale Grimes," Cole said. "Hopefully one day in the near future we will remove the word 'acting' from his title."

The members of the council echoed the mayor's comments and agreed that whenever he is needed Grimes is always there.

Moved to tears by the council's action Monday evening, Grimes thanked them for the opportunity and their support.

"I appreciate the honor," he said. "We've come a long way and have a long way to go. Together we can get it done."

White said he appreciates the mayor bringing this matter before the council even though Cole has the authority to appoint a police chief without seeking the council's approval.

Cole said he asked for the council's support because, "we are a team."

Before moving on, Mayor Cole said although Grimes' title currently and officially is "acting" chief, he's going to call him

chief when he needs him.

Later in the meeting, Chief Grimes presented a report to council members regarding the new neighborhood watch program. He said the first meeting was held Thursday, Dec. 1, and many good ideas were presented.

Grimes said he would like to have someone designated for each section of town and urges anyone interested in participating with the neighborhood watch program to contact him or attend the next meeting scheduled for the first Thursday in January.

Council members approved a motion to have town clerk Annette Williams write a letter to the necessary officials asking for an extension of time on grant money for the downtown sidewalk.

Barbara Herron offered an after-report Monday evening, and she said there were approximately 42 entries in the Christmas parade last Sunday, Dec. 3.

Herron thanked everyone who helped make the day a success.

In other business, Mayor Cole reminded everyone the town offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday.

He also said the offices will be closed Jan. 2nd and 3rd for the New Year's holiday. Due to the holiday, the town council's January meeting will be Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m.

The council approved a motion renewing New Brockton's contract with the Enterprise Rescue Squad.

The council approved a motion to pay the monthly bills totaling \$42,890.34 of which \$39,168.14 was prepaid and \$3,722.20 was to be paid.

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Searching for a safe drug-free environment at school

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Police Department and Elba City School officials were joined by several other law enforcement agencies Monday morning, Dec. 5, to conduct a routine campus search of the Elba City Schools.

Joining the Elba officials were officers with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, Andalusia Police Department, Department of Corrections and ABC board.

Using K-9 officers and metal detectors, the officials searched for any illegal items or items prohibited by school policy to be on campus.

The use of metal detectors during the search allowed school officials to locate and confiscate items such as knives or any other instrument that might be deemed as a weapon.

"We have a zero-tolerance on drugs here at the Elba City Schools," said school resource officer Dean Blair. "The reason we conduct these type searches is to make sure our students are able to attend school in a safe drug-free environment."

Blair said officers wrote five or six citations to students that had tobacco products on campus. Also, he said one white male juvenile was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana second degree.

Blair said the student was arrested on campus and transported to the juvenile detention center in Dothan. As of press time this week, he reportedly was being held at the center awaiting a hearing set for Thursday (today), Dec. 8.

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LIFESTYLES

ADPH receives additional doses of Influenza vaccine

The Alabama Department of Public Health has received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention an additional 20,000 doses of influenza vaccine which will be administered at county health departments. Your local health department will announce clinic times, dates and locations. A limited number of private physicians in Alabama received additional doses of influenza vaccine from distributors in late November.

"We are pleased that we can now vaccinate and help protect more people from influenza," said Dr. Donald Williamson, state health officer. "In Alabama, influenza usually peaks during the months of January and February, and so it's not too late to be immunized."

For more information contact your health care provider or county health department. Updated information may also be available at www.adph.org/immunization.



Mr. Witherspoon & Miss Hall

Miss Hall & Mr. Witherspoon to be united in marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Hall of Enterprise, Alabama announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Anna Fallon Hall to Bradley Mark Witherspoon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Del Witherspoon of Holtville, Ala.

Fallon is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wesley Parker of Elba, Ala. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Douglas Hall also of Elba. Mark is the grandson of Mrs. Lucille Lyles of Birmingham, Ala. and the late Reverend Howard Lyles, and also the late Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Witherspoon.

Fallon is a 1999 graduate of Elba High School and is currently attending Enterprise-Ozark Community College and is employed with a pharmacy in Daleville, Ala. as a Pharmacy Technician.

Mark is a 1995 graduate of Holtville High School and has a BA from Auburn University and an MBA from Auburn University Montgomery. He is employed with an electronics Co. in Enterprise. A summer wedding is planned.

Miss Bradley & Mr. Cowen to wed Saturday, December 17th

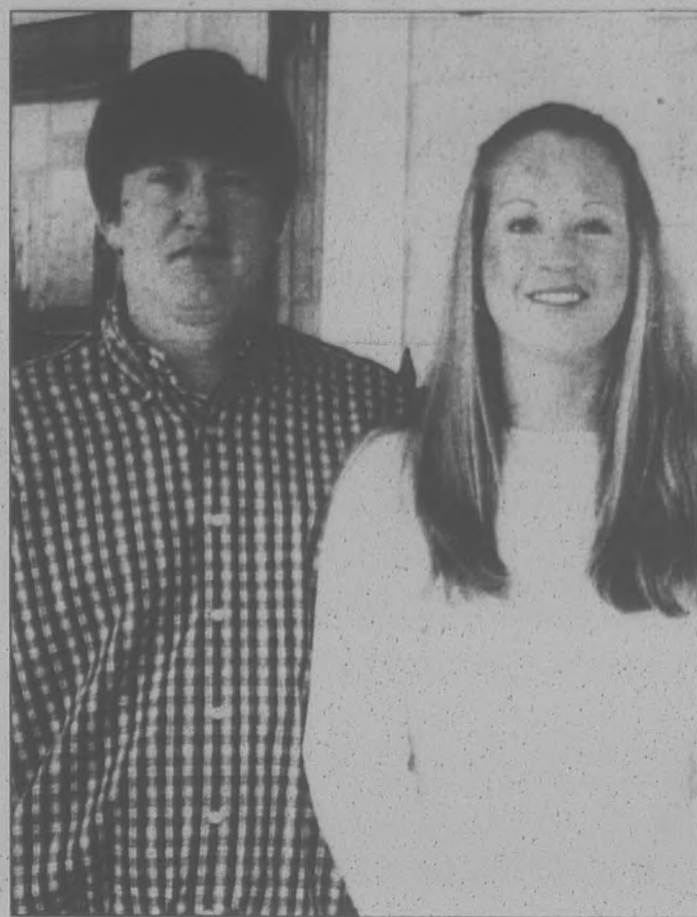
Brandy Nicole Bradley and Jacob Thomas Cowen announce their engagement and upcoming marriage on Saturday, December 17, 2005 at 5 p.m. at Covenant Community Church in Elba, Ala.

Brandy is the daughter of Shirley Lunsford and Ronnie Bradley. Jacob is the son of Ed and Myrna Cowen.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

West Side Neighborhood Association/Enterprise to hold Candlelight tour

West Side Neighborhood Association in Enterprise will be having a candlelight Christmas tour on December 10, 2005 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Places visited will be Lee & Betty Story, Eugene & Charlene Goolsby, Verneeta DeRamus, Hob and Margie Watson, Deal and Everage Home, and Richard and Kimbrell Fougerson home. Please take a flashlight along with you. All proceeds will benefit West Side Neighborhood Park.



Mr. Cowen & Miss Bradley



The Lettermen: left to right is: Darren Dowler, Donny Lee and Tony Byrd.

The Lettermen to be in concert at The Elba High School Auditorium Tuesday, December 13th

Enjoy one of America's premier vocal groups of the late 1950's and 1960's, The Lettermen. In a holiday concert, With 70 albums to their credit and known for their letter sweaters and harmonious love ballads, they will have you humming along to such great songs as "The Way You Look Tonight," "When I Fall in Love," "Portrait of My Love," "Theme from 'A Summer Place,'" "She Cried," "Goin' Out of My Head/Can't Take My Eyes Off You," and "Smile." Holiday selections such as "White

Christmas," "Let It Snow," "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and "Little Drummer Boy" will be featured. Visit www.coffeecountyartsalliance.com or call 334-406-1617.

This holiday show is being brought to Elba by The Coffee County Arts Alliance and will be held in the Elba High School Auditorium on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket outlets include: Elba - Bradley Florist & Gift 334-897-3422, Enterprise - David's Westgate Beauty Salon 334-406-1617, The Framery 334-347-7800, Ft. Rucker ITR - Soldier Service Center 334-255-2997, New Brockton - New Brockton Florist & Gift Shop 334-894-6737, Dothan - Weezers 334-673-8283 or Ginny Canon-Coffee County Arts Alliance. Publicity Chairman: 334-0393-2797/4148 canon@adaphia.net

This performance is made possible in part by a grant from The Alabama State Council on the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts.



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***DECEMBER BIRTH-DAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Jamie Brockton, Jr. - Dec. 1, Maudie L. Daniels - Dec. 1 (In Memory Of), Ocie Phillips - Dec. 2, Estella Lawrence - Dec. 2, Elijah Yelverton - Dec. 3, Jessie & Junnie Robinson - Dec. 4 (W.A.), Derrick Brooks - Dec. 4, Calvin Carpenter - Dec. 5, Matthew Hooks - Dec. 6, Gladys Yelverton - Dec. 8, Jerry Siler - Dec. 9, Ronnie & Charlotte Caldwell - Dec. 9 (W.A.)

***SAINTS WITH PURPOSE MINISTRIES:

Saints with purpose ministries present "Bringing the Gifts Alive Conference '05" on December 7th-9th. This will be held at the Southeast District Convention Building, On Dec. 7th at 7 p.m. with Youth Expanding on the Gifts Youth Choirs and Praise Teams invited to attend. The speakers will include "The Harrison Family" from Andalusia, Ala. and "The Snellgroves" from Jack, Ala. Everyone is invited to attend an

C.O.G.I.C. of Elba, Min. Kelvin Burks of New Beginnings Worship Center of Mobile. Thursday on December 8th at 7 p.m. there will be an evangelist, Pamela Mitchell of Oak Grove MB Church. On Friday Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Elder Ryan Hugley of Highpoint Apostolic Church of Smyrna, Ga. will be speaking. December 10th at 6 p.m. there will be a musical with Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church Minister Roderick Rieux and The Anointed Voices. Endurance Music Ministry and more to come. All choir, group, or praise team are invited to join the musical program. For more information contact Kelvin Burks at (251) 656-8902, Sabrina Thomas at (334) 566-1035, Cathleen Burks at (334) 493-7346, Adean Sims at (334) 493-7974, or Brian Luckett at (334) 897-152.

***GUEST SPEAKER:

Guest speaker Dr. Johnnie Carr, Civil Rights Activist of Montgomery, Ala. will be at the Pleasant Shade Baptist Church. The Sunday Christmas program will be at the Enterprise Civic Center of Enterprise, Ala. on Saturday, December 10, 2005 at 6 p.m. For more information call Helen Crittenden 347-5432 or Callie Daniels 393-3944. Today is a good day! Be grateful.

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
Shawanna Wright
& Melanie Mularz

Spotlight

by Tori Brooks

This week's student spotlight is La'Ray Williams. He is the 18-year-old son of A.R. and Bessie Williams.

La'Ray is involved in many activities at Elba High including Sr. Beta, Vica and Spanish Club. He also enjoys playing basketball, football and baseball.

La'Ray would describe himself as being someone who cares for others because you never know when you will need someone to care for you.

His future plans are taking life one step at a time and going to either Jacksonville State or Vanderbilt and pursue a career in sports medicine.



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EHS student council representatives chosen

by Melanie Mularz

At the beginning of the year, students were asked to sign up in the office if they were interested in running for student council representative.

This year's council is sponsored by Mrs. Collins. There were four representatives selected from each grade.

Elections were held and those selected from the seventh grade were Lindsey Carney, Janzén Flowers, Molly McGuire and Bethany Wilson.

Those from the eighth grade were Justin McLaughlin, Jo Jo McBride, Keri Jones and Donnell Horstead.

Chosen as ninth grade representatives were Kynu Coleman, Chessie Cross, April Finadore and Robyn Hudson.

Representing the tenth grade will be Ashley Carpenter, Cordel Hooks, Trey Martin and Brittany Phillips.

Eleventh grade reps are Brianna Bailey, Christina Bryant, Stephen Driggers and Shambria Samuels.

The senior class reps are Arrian Bowers, Tori Brooks, Timothy Jackson and Ashleigh Waddail.

Heading the executive staff this year are senior Kendall Stinson as president; senior Duke Carr as vice president; senior Whitney Anderson as secretary; and junior Melanie Mularz as reporter/historian.



EHS STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES...(bottom, l to r) Mrs. Collins, sponsor; Whitney Anderson, secretary; Kendall Stinson, president; Melanie Mularz, reporter/historian; and Duke Carr, vice president; (second row, l to r) Brittany Phillips, Keri Jones, Brianna Bailey, Christina Bryant and Tori Brooks; (third row, l to r) Cordel Hooks, Janzén Flowers, Jo Jo McBride, Chessie Cross, Ashley Carpenter and Kynu Coleman; (fourth row, l to r) Justin McLaughlin, Donnell Horstead, Trey Martin, Timothy Jackson, April Finadore and Robyn Hudson; (top, l to r) Molly McGuire, Bethany Wilson and Lindsey Carney. Not Pictured: Stephen Driggers, Shambria Samuels, Arrian Bowers and Ashleigh Waddail.

The student council has recently held one of its two annual blood drives, the canned food drive and sold t-shirts. The group will be rather busy throughout the year on many more projects.

Support the EHS SCA and Elba High School as the year progresses.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Christina Bryant



This week's Co-Op Spotlight is **Whitney Amber Bailey**.

Whitney is the 16-year-old daughter of David and Nelda Bailey. Mrs. Laurie Chapman at Form 'n' Function has employed Whitney since August where she helps with the printing business.

As a junior at Elba High, Whitney is involved in many activities, such as Future Farmers of America, Mu Alpha Theta, VICA, FBIA and Girl Scout Troop #300. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, spending time with friends and watching movies.

After graduation, Whitney plans to attend Troy University and hopes to earn her major in business management.



by Judson Vaughan



The junior class is home to many active individuals, but this week's spotlight is about **Melanie Mularz**.

Mel is a very involved Tiger at EHS being involved in varsity softball and volleyball, Sr. Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, Girl Scout Troop #300, Spanish Club, Coffee County Youth Leadership, and most importantly, the journalism staff.

Although there is obviously not much of it, in her spare time she enjoys talking on the phone, shopping, hanging out with friends and family, going to the movies and taking pictures.

Melanie has only been a member for less than a year but has already gained a liking for taking pictures, writing and working with Mrs. Bucklew. When not busy with school, journalism, or hobbies, Mel loves to cheer on her Tigers!!

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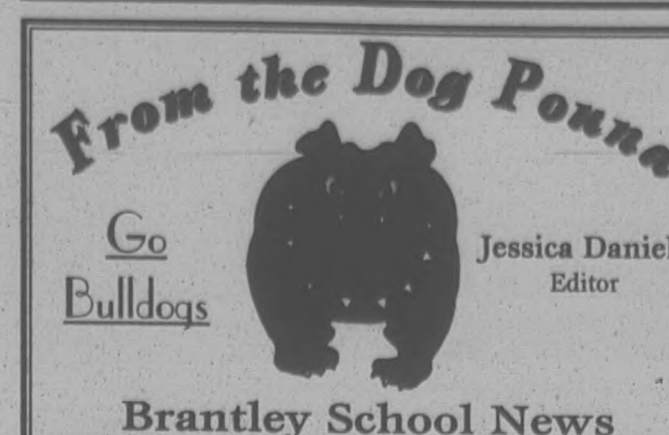
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Jessica Daniels
Editor

Brantley School News



Brantley High School Key Club members

Brantley High School Key Club sponsors Veterans Day program

The Brantley High School Key Club had a busy month in November.

Each year, the Key Club sponsors a Veterans Day program and invites local Veterans to attend. Veterans in attendance were presented with badges in recognition of their military service and were treated with a lunch after the program.

The program included special music by the Emerald Wave Band, as well as presentations by the Brantley United Methodist Bell Choir, and Landon Morgan and Lynley Godwin.

Guest speaker Colonel Charles Dickey presented a flag to the school.

The members of the Key Club are: Kris Odom, advisor; Westley Witherington, president; Tiffany Lester, vice president; Sarah Mack, secretary; Megan Holmes, treasurer; Taylor Andrews, Courtney Bailey, Brittany Ballard, Rachel Barnes, Hunter Beck, Austin Brook, Bethany Carr, Kristin Compton, Shane Corley, Casey Free, Lynley Godwin, Brandi Hall, Jonathan Helms, Jeremy Hendrick, Desarry Hicks, Emily Howard, Corey Latham, Rebecca Lester, Kim McCann, Landon Morgan, Dana Peek, TaRonda Randall, Brittany Reaves, Latisha Rodgers, Adam Ryals, Stephen Soler, Trey Warrick, Amber Wicker and Jennie Williamson.



Key Club sponsor Kris Odom with an honored guest



Brantley United Methodist Church bell choir

Booker rushes Brantley Bulldogs to championship game

Chris Booker led Brantley to qualify for the Class 1A football championship game with a 43-21 victory over Alabama Christian Academy.

Booker rushed for 193 yards and scored on runs of 41, 56 and 45 yards. He caught two fourth-down passes from Edgar Walker for touchdowns.

Booker helped Brantley get the first touchdown of the game giving the Bulldogs a lead of 6-0 with 6:48 left in the first quarter. James Pittman returned a punt 23 yards, and Booker scored on a 41 yard run.



Chris Booker



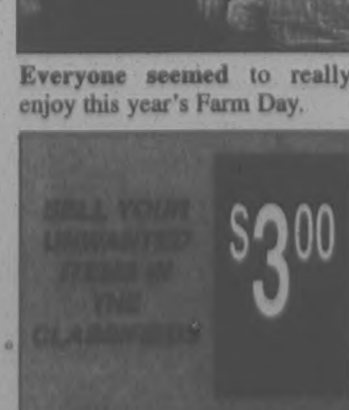
Brittany Ballard holds a baby chick during Farm Day activities.



Seniors with Coach David Lowery



Students enjoyed holding and touching the farm animals.



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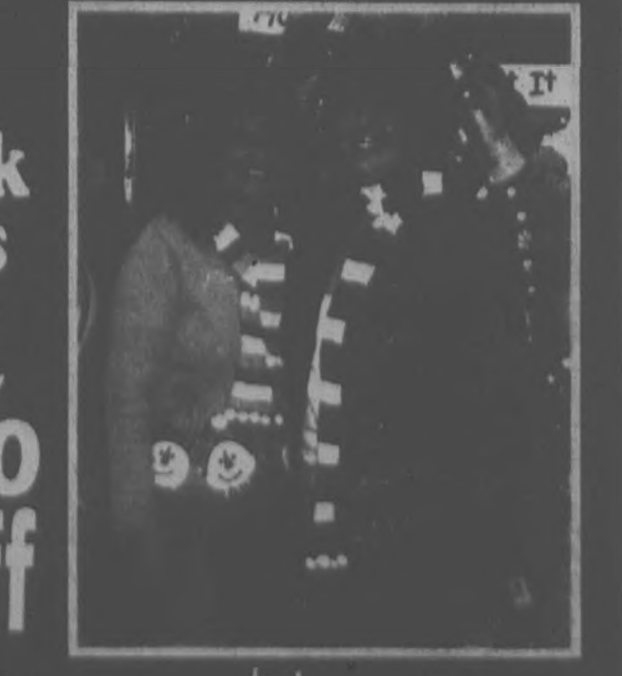
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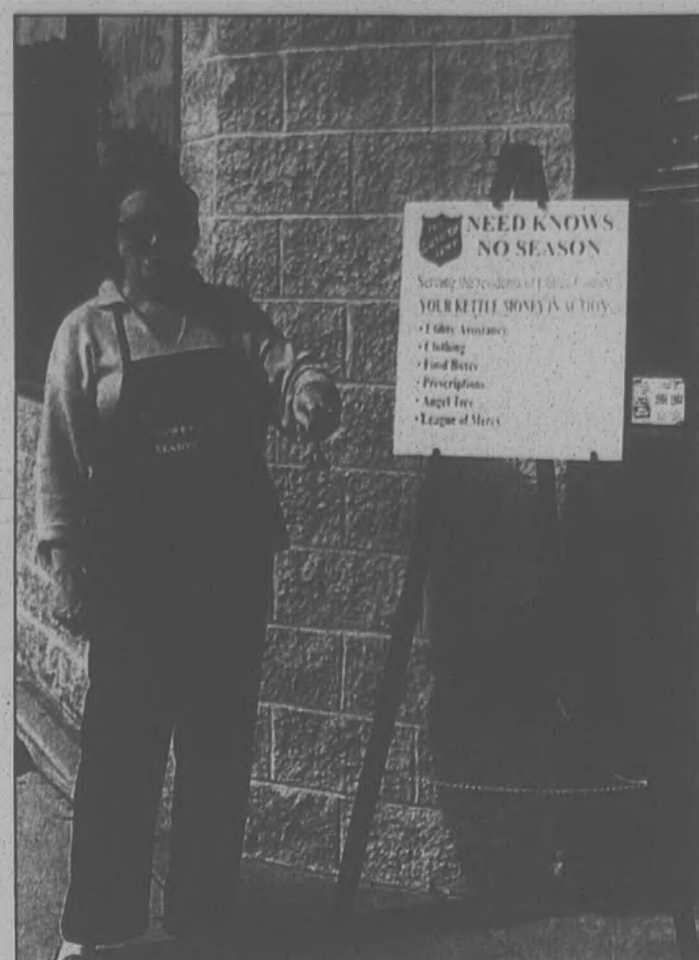
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Giving thanks - Troops in Iraq pay tribute to the heroes back home: their families

Editor's note: Mobile Register Editor Mike Marshall is on this third trip to Kuwait and Iraq since 2003, writing about Alabama soldiers and support personnel serving there.

by MIKE MARSHALL
Mobile Register Editor

BAGHDAD, Iraq - As we count our blessings today, we have thousands of new reasons to give thanks. Here are just a few of them:

Give thanks for Samantha Weathers, the wife of 1st Lt. Bill Weathers of Eufaula, and the mother of his four children: Shelly, 5, Beth, 3, and 2-year-old twins Kallie and Jay.

As we walked along a row of tents at Kuwait's Camp Arifjan the other day, unbidden, completely out of the blue, Lt. Weathers said to me:

"You know, people back home tell us that we're some kind of heroes, but actually we've got it good. Our laundry is taken care of. We don't have to worry about cooking or cleaning. Now our families back home, who are making do without us, they're the ones that really suffer, they're the heroes."

"Imagine how I would react if my wife said to me, 'Hey, I've

got to go away for a year or so, so you'll have to take care of the four kids while you hold a full-time job - imagine how I would handle that."

Samantha is a teacher at Bluff City Elementary School in Eufaula. Fortunately, the Weathers family operates a day care center in Eufaula, Kids' World, so she has some help.

Let's give thanks for Bonita Roberts of Citronelle, who turns 26 in a few days. She and Gary Roberts have four children: Sydney, 8, Justin, 6, Levi, 3, and Grace, 1.

"I don't see how she does it," said Gary, who has spent the last nine months at Camp Arifjan. "Cheerleader practice, football practice, and then the babies to look after."

Sydney and Justine attend McDavid-Jones Elementary in Citronelle. Bonita is a full-time mom, and when Gary is back home, he works as an electrician.

He has made eight convoy missions into Iraq.

Give thanks for 55-year-old Sgt. 1st Class Tommy Dewberry of Elba, now on his third deployment.

"Don't write about me," said Wednesday. "Here I was

Dewberry protested last week in a Southern drawl as thick as cane syrup. "You need to be writin' about these younger soldiers."

Dewberry served as an artilleryman in Vietnam and a couple of years later married his wife of 34 years, Novelle. He was part of a maintenance company during Desert Storm, and has spent the last nine months in Iraq.

He works full-time for the National Guard in Brantley, and was mobilized and sent to the Gulf Coast after hurricanes Frederic and Ivan.

Give thanks for Maj. Jim Hawkins, a 40-year-old full-time employee of the Alabama National Guard who had to beg his supervisors for three years before they let him come over here.

As he puts it, "I had to see the elephant."

Back in Montgomery, Hawkins serves as the assistant state training officer, designing and organizing all training for Guard troops.

"To me, getting over here was a credibility issue," Hawkins said Wednesday. "Here I was

training these guys, and I would have to say something like: 'If you do it this way, I hear it could save your life.' or 'React like that, and you'll make it out OK - or so they tell me.'"

The only way Hawkins could come over was as a public affairs officer, and he now has another desk job in Baghdad's International Zone, more commonly known as the Green Zone. But he accompanies soldiers out into the field whenever he gets a chance, to get a feel for the fight.

The toughest assignment Hawkins has ever undertaken was a service he performs back home: He has been trained to notify families when soldiers are killed in combat. He has had to use that training three times.

"I know the role I play at home is important, impacts more people, than what I do over here," he said. "But I'll do an even better job of it when I get back."

Waiting for him there are wife Kristy, their 3-year-old son, Trey, and 5-month-old son, Jack.

"I barely got to know Jack before I left," he said.

Like most soldiers over here, Hawkins is gung-ho about his mission. But he articulates that enthusiasm better than most, having sent a well-versed e-mail to me and some of his friends back home.

Give thanks for 42-year-old Lt. Col. Vincent Quarles, who is on his third tour in Iraq with the Army's 3rd Infantry Division, 4th Brigade.

Quarles is not here to fight, but to build.

Camped on the edge of the International Zone in Baghdad, Quarles oversees the "non-lethal operations" of the 4th Brigade. He risks his life daily to rebuild electric power substations, water pumping stations and public buildings, working along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to improve infrastructure in a three-district region of central Baghdad.

Tuesday, he and his security team went to the Karadah District to confer with Baghdad municipal leaders about cleanup work after last week's double car bombing of the Al-Hamra Hotel.

The hotel is frequented by Western journalists, but the car bomb killed Iraqis living in masonry apartment buildings nearby.

Quarles' soldiers were removing debris from the site and trucking in building materials for neighborhood residents to use in repairs.

Then they were off to the Abu Nuwass water pumping station, which the 3rd Infantry Division has completely renovated. Now the soldiers are supervising the installation of backup generators so that the water supply from the Tigris River will not be interrupted when the power goes out.

Wednesday, Quarles met with contractors at the Karadah District's town hall to begin repairing glass shattered by the hotel bombing.

He grew up in Halifax, Va., married his junior high school sweetheart, Aurah, and they now live at Fort Stewart, Ga., with their 9-year-old son, Vincent, and 3-year-old daughter, Alisha.

If I had the stamina, I could write 150,000 such profiles. No matter how you feel about this war, it has created a new generation of sacrifice, a new generation of heroes at home and abroad.

(Readers can e-mail Mike Marshall, editor of the Mobile Register, at mmarshall@mobile-register.com. He also may be contacted by regular mail at P.O. Box 2488, Mobile AL 36652.)

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SPORTS

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We are still working almost daily on getting our Christmas decorations up and for some reason just can't seem to get finished. The tree is up in the den and the mantels are decorated with lighted houses and stores, but we still have more decorations we haven't even been able to find. Oh well, maybe in the next three weeks we will find everything and wrap things up.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Brantley Bulldogs came up one win short of winning the Class 1A state football championship last week with a loss to Addison, but had a fantastic season in the rich football history of Brantley High School football. I know the loss in the finals left a sour taste in the mouths of the Bulldogs and their fans. However, Brantley pointed region rival Florala to claim yet another region title, claimed big wins over county rivals Laverne and Highland Home, ousted defending state champ Sweet Water in the second round of the playoffs, outscored 1A power American Christian in the semifinals and in the process made all Bulldog fans everywhere mighty proud. I didn't join the Bulldog band wagon until the second round of the playoffs, but enjoyed the four games I got the chance to see and was proud to let everyone know I was there to cover the Brantley Bulldogs. Thanks for the four weeks of fun!

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Win all three games

Elba Tigers sweep Zion Chapel

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Following are highlights of the three games:

VARSITY BOYS:

ELBA 70

The Elba Tigers overcame a sluggish start to defeat the Zion Chapel Rebels 70-46, last Monday night in Elba.

Zion Chapel came out ready to play and used the inside scoring of Adam Carter to grab an early 9-3 lead, only to see the Tigers rally late in the quarter and pull within 13-12 with 1:27 remaining on a short jumper by Shawn Abbott. A late basket by Carter enabled the Rebels to carry a 15-12 lead into the second quarter. However, Elba scored the first nine points of the second quarter to take a 21-15 advantage and held on to the six-point lead throughout the stanza.

The Tigers came out of the dressing room after the half determined to take command of the game and did just that as Andrew Stoudemire and Shawn Abbott combined for seven straight points to spark the

Tigers as they moved ahead 41-28 with 5:11 left in the quarter. Elba's lead grew to 46-30 with 2:58 remaining on a three-pointer by Mason Gulley, and when Stoudemire scored from inside with :03 left on the clock the Tigers' lead had grown to 52-35. Elba scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter to up its lead to 59-35 with 6:10 remaining, and then matched baskets with the Rebels for the remainder of the quarter to post the big 70-46 win.

Shawn Abbott scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Mason Gulley added 11 and Brandon Kelley scored 10. Adam Carter scored 21 points to lead Zion Chapel.

Reymar Rodgers added 11 and Brandon Kelley scored 10. Adam Carter scored 21 points to lead Zion Chapel.

EL 12 22 18 18 - 70
ZC 15 13 7 11 - 46

Elba (70): Gulley 9, Kelley 10, Davis 4, Carr 2, Abbott 15, Cooks 6, Logan 5, Stoudemire 7, Johnson 1.

Z.C. (46): McWaters 5, Geddings 4, Simmons 4, Childs 9, Bundrick 3, Carter 21.

GIRLS VARSITY:

ELBA 43

Elba's Brandy Caldwell scored from in close at the buzzer last Monday night to lift the Lady Tigers to an exciting 43-41 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels, in Elba.

Elba jumped out to an early 4-0 lead on baskets by Lafondra Thigpen and Leanna Henderson and owned an 11-4 advantage with 2:27 left in the first quarter, only to see the Lady Rebels rally behind the scoring of Torie Hodge and Jennifer Taylor, then pull even at 11-11 when Keri

Hobbs nailed a long three-pointer with only :03 left on the clock. Zion Chapel took its first lead of the night at 13-11 on a basket by Hobbs with 7:40 left in the half, but then went cold from the field and watched as three-pointers by Thigpen and Leigh Anna Bryant sparked an Elba rally that sent the Lady Tigers in at the half with a 21-15 lead.

Elba stretched its lead to 24-16 midway through the third quarter on a three-pointer by Katrina Head and held on to the lead throughout the stanza as the Lady Tigers carried a big 36-28 advantage into the fourth quarter. Donna Flowers sparked a Lady Rebel rally that enabled Zion Chapel to cut the Elba lead to 36-35 with 3:27 remaining in the game, and the Lady Rebels

pulled even at 41-41 with :17 remaining when Torie Hodge made the second of two free-throw chances. Elba put the ball in play as the clock ticked down and Brandy Caldwell scored from under the basket to end the buzzer to give Elba the exciting 43-41 win.

Lafondra Thigpen scored 20 points to lead Elba, while Torie Hodge led Zion Chapel with 17 points.

Elba (43): Lawford 2, Henderson 4, Pruitt 2, Thigpen 20, Bryant 6, Head 5, Caldwell 4.

Z.C. (41): Hodge 17, Parrish 4, Wilson 2, Taylor 8, Hobbs 6, Flowers 4.

Improve record to 5-1

Tigers post home wins over Opp and New Brockton

The Elba Tigers closed out a busy week on the court last week with games against the Opp Bobcats and New Brockton Gamecocks and rolled to a pair of big wins to up their record to 5-1 on the season.

Following are highlights of both wins:

ELBA 56

OPP 20

The Elba Tigers used a big third quarter to take command and never looked back to defeat the Opp Bobcats 56-20, last Tuesday night in Elba.

Elba fell behind early in the opening stanza and trailed 5-2

with 4:36 left in the quarter, but rallied late behind the scoring of Andrew Stoudemire and Mason Gulley and by the end of the quarter owned a slim 10-9 advantage. Two free-throws by Kikko Logan and a three-pointer by Brandon Kelley helped the Tigers up their lead to 15-9 with 7:15 left in the quarter.

However, Elba scored only two points over the next four minutes and watched as the Bobcats rallied to regain the lead at 18-17 with 3:09 remaining in the half. Logan hit four of four free-throw opportunities over the next minute to put the Tigers back on top 21-18, and by the

end of the stanza Elba was still ahead as the Tigers carried a 25-22 lead in at the half.

Opp cut the lead to 25-23 early in the third quarter, but scored only two points the remainder of the stanza and watched as Elba took command. Mason Gulley and Brandon Kelley both nailed three-pointers as the Tigers moved on top 33-23 with 5:58 left in the quarter, while Shawn Abbott and Kelley sparked a late 12-0 run that pushed the Tigers' lead to 45-25 by the end of the quarter! Abbott scored the first three points of the final stanza to up the Elba lead to 48-25 and from there the Tigers simply cruised in with the surprisingly easy 56-20 win.

Mason Gulley scored 13 points to lead Elba, while Brandon Kelley added 11 and Shawn Abbott scored 10.

Elba (56): Gulley 13, Kelley 11, Abbott 10, Logan 8, Rodgers 8, Stoudemire 6.

Opp (36): Wilson 4, Barnes 6, Nix 4, Smith 4, Brooks 6, Jones 5, Lacey 1, Mount 2.

Elba 67
N.B. 57

The Elba Tigers closed out a perfect week on their home court Friday night by claiming a hard fought 67-57 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks.

The Tigers couldn't buy a basket early in the game and appeared headed for a lopsided loss at home as the Gamecocks raced out to a 14-1 lead with 2:36 remaining in the first quarter.

A three-pointer by Elba's Ron Hill stopped the bleeding and cut the Gamecocks' lead to 14-4 with 2:17 left in the stanza, but New Brockton never slowed down and by the end of the stanza owned a big 16-6 advantage.

Elba's Mason Gulley drilled a long three-pointer early in the second quarter to pull the Tigers within 16-9, and the Tigers slowly began to creep back into the game and pulled within 24-18 with 3:58 left in the half

(Photo by Laura Basley)

BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY

ELBA 40

Z.C. 19

The Elba JV Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back to open the season with a 40-19 win over Zion Chapel.

The Tigers jumped out to an 11-0 lead in the first quarter and cruised to the easy win over the Rebels. Trey Belcher scored 11 points to lead Elba, while Ethan Mount scored 11 for Zion Chapel.

Elba (40): Respress 5, Mitchell 3, Phillips 2, K. Bullard 2, D. Bullard 2, Reynolds 2, Belcher 11, Morris 2, Dorsey 3.

Z.C. (19): Mount 11, Mancil 2, Stephens 3, Baker 2, to his rebounded ball. ELBA 40-19.

SPORTS

Post 2-1 record in opening week

Elba Lady Tigers roll over New Brockton and fall to Opp to close out opening week

The Elba Lady Tigers closed out the week with a win over New Brockton and a loss to Opp to finish their opening week of play with a 2-1 record.

Following are highlights of the two games:

OPP 54

ELBA 19

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never recovered last Tuesday night as they fell to the Opp Lady Bobcats 54-19, in Elba.

Elba went over four minutes without a basket to open the game as Opp raced out to a 14-0 lead, and while the Lady Tigers did finally get on the scoreboard with 3:55 remaining on a three-pointer by Leigh Anna Bryant, it made little difference as the Lady Bobcats never slowed down and carried a 17-5 lead into the second quarter.

Opp's lead grew to 21-5 early in the second quarter as the Lady Tigers continued to struggle from the floor, and even two

late baskets by Lady Tiger Shanika Pruitt did little to help as the Lady Bobcats went in at the half with a 25-11 advantage.

Opp picked up where it had left off in the third quarter and opened the stanza with a 17-2 run to take complete command as the Lady Bobcats opened up a 42-13 lead with 3:29 remaining in the quarter. Katrina Head drilled a three-pointer late to give the Lady Tigers something to cheer about, but it made little difference as Opp owned a 48-17 lead after three quarters of play.

The Lady Bobcats emptied their bench in the final stanza and scored only six points over the final eight minutes. However, Elba managed only two points in the fourth quarter as at the final horn took the loss 54-19.

Leanna Henderson and Lafondra Thigpen both scored 5 points to lead Elba, while Henderson scored 18 points to lead Opp.

Opp (54): Henderson 18, Stephens 4, Wood 16, Magrove 7, Drew 2, Ellison 5, Weaver 2, Underwood 2.

Elba (19): Henderson 5, Pruitt 3, Thigpen 5, Bryant 3, Head 3.

ELBA 46

N.B. 26

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead in the second quarter and never looked back Friday night to post a big 46-26 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks.

Elba got off to a slow start and trailed 5-2 midway through the first quarter, but pulled ahead 7-5 on baskets by Shanika Pruitt and Lafondra Thigpen and carried a 9-7 lead into the second quarter of play.

The Lady Tigers continued to struggle to take command early in the second quarter and led only 10-7 with 3:19 left in the half. However, Elba closed the half with a 9-3 run and at intermission went into the dressing

room with a 19-10 advantage. A three-pointer by Lafondra Thigpen and a basket by Shanika Pruitt helped the Lady Tigers open up a 24-10 lead early in the third quarter, and the Lady Tigers closed the quarter with a 14-0 run to finally take command as they pulled out to a big 41-14 lead! New Brockton scored the first nine points of the fourth quarter to cut the Elba lead to 41-23, but it was too little, too late as the Lady Tigers easily held on to claim the 46-26 win.

Lafondra Thigpen scored 21 points to lead Elba, while Valerie Hutcherson and Anna Sawyer scored 5 points, apiece, for the Lady Gamecocks.

Elba (46): Lawford 7, Henderson 5, Pruitt 6, Thigpen 21, Head 2, Bryant 2, Dean 2, Parker 1.

N.B. (26): Adams 4, Sawyer 5, Lee 2, Hutcherson 5, Duetit 3, Barrett 3, Eubanks 4.



Elba Lady Tiger Shanika Pruitt (14) drives in for a basket as New Brockton's Felicia Grimes (14) attempts to block the shot. The Lady Tigers posted two wins and one loss last week to open the season.

(Photo by Laura Basley)

Elba JV Tigers defeat Opp and New Brockton to up record to 3-0

The Elba JV Tigers closed out last week's basketball action with big wins over Opp and New Brockton to end the first week of the season with a 3-0 record.

Following are highlights of the final two wins:

ELBA 46

OPP 40

The Elba JV Tigers pulled ahead in the third quarter and held on late to 'down' the Opp Bobcats 46-40, last Tuesday afternoon, in Elba. The Tigers trailed 10-7 after the first quarter and claim the lopsided win.

Johnny Stoudemire scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Griswold led New Brockton with 9 points.

Elba (55): Respress 7, Mitchell 3, Harrison 2, Phillips 3, Head 4, Bullard 4, Reynolds 5, Belcher 2, Morris 6, Stoudemire 18, Dorsey 2.

N.B. (23): Griswold 9, Roberts 2, Jackson 4, Johnson 2, Chinn 4, Davis 2.

Elba 46
N.B. 27

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and slowly pulled away to defeat the New Brockton Gamecocks 46-27, in New Brockton. The Tigers owned a slim 11-7 lead after one quarter, but stretched their lead to 23-14 by the end of the second quarter and then outscored the Gamecocks 23-13 in the second half to pull away and claim the big road win.

Justin McLaughlin scored 21 points and Jabari Cole added 8 to lead Elba, while Johnson scored 15 points to lead New Brockton.

Elba (46): Cole 8, Silar 3, Allen 2, Reynolds 6, Magwood 4, Horstead 2, McLaughlin 21.

N.B. (27): Farris 4, Griswold 2, McNair 4, Johnson 15, Culverhouse 2.

Elba 66
ARITON 14

The Elba Tigers used a big second quarter to take command and rolled to a big 66-14 win over the Arton Purple Cats, in Elba. The Tigers owned a 15-5 lead after one quarter of play, then outscored the 'Cats 11-0 in the second quarter to take a

A basket by Logan and a lay-up move after Ron Hill helped the Tigers move ahead 56-53 with 3:21 on the clock, and Elba never allowed the Gamecocks to retake the lead as the Gamecocks connected on 6 of 10 free-throws in the final minute to hold on and escape with the wild 67-57 win.

Mason Gulley scored 17 points to lead Elba, while Shawn Abbott added 16 and Kikko Logan scored 13. Rashard Andrews scored 24 points to lead New Brockton.

Elba (67): Gulley 17, Hill 9, Davis 5, Abbott 16, Logan 13, Stoudemire 7.

N.B. (57): Andrews 24, Vasser 6, Johnson 13, Foster 3, McNair 7, Danford 2, Muhammad 2.

Elba 8th grade Tigers remain undefeated

The Elba 8th grade Tigers have continued their winning ways in recent weeks and remained undefeated with five big wins.

Following are highlights of the wins:

ELBA 58

SAMSON 16

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back to pound the Samson Tigers 58-16, in Samson. Elba jumped out to a 20-2 lead in the first quarter and cruised in with the easy win on the road.

Justin McLaughlin scored 24 points and Kareem Silar added 16 to lead Elba.

Elba (58): Cole 4, Silar 16, Allen 2, Reynolds 8, Magwood 4, McLaughlin 24.

Samson (16): Faulk 2, Rushing 6, McCrummen 2, Carter 6.

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commanding 26-5 lead in at intermission. The second half was simply more of the same as the Tigers pulled away and rolled to the easy win.

Justin McLaughlin scored 21 points and Kareem Silar added 20 to lead Elba, while Baxter led Arton with 7 points.

Elba (66): Cole 4, Silar 20, Allen 6, Reynolds 6, Magwood 6, Horstead 1, McLaughlin 21.

Arlton (14): Tyler 2, Baxter 7, Cody 2, R. Cody 3.

Elba 57
Z.C. 12

The Elba Tigers led all the way to down the Zion Chapel Rebels 57-12, in Elba. The Tigers jumped out to a 16-0 lead in the first quarter and never looked back as they rolled to an easy win on the road. Justin McLaughlin scored 21 points to lead Elba, while Kareem Silar added 11 and Jabari Cole scored 10. Powell scored 8 points to lead Zion Chapel.

Elba (57): Cole 10, Silar 11, Allen 2, Rodgers 2, Reynolds 8, Magwood 2, Horstead 1, McLaughlin 21.

Z.C. (12): Powell 8, Roberts 2, Davis 2.

Elba 37
GENEVA 29

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead in the second half and held on late to defeat the Geneva Panthers 37-29 in Geneva. The Tigers jumped out to an early 8-2 lead, but saw the Panthers rally and pull even at 14-14 by the end of the half. Elba regained the lead at 23-18 in the third quarter and then pulled away, despite hitting only 5 of 23 free-throws.

Justin McLaughlin scored 9 points to lead Elba, while Kareem Silar added 7 and Donta Reynolds an Sandarius Reed both scored 6. Williams and Johnson both scored 7 points to lead Geneva.

Elba (37): Cole 2, Silar 7, Allen 4, Reynolds 6, Magwood 3, Reed 6, McLaughlin 9.

Geneva (29): Williams 7, Johnson 7, Holmes 3, Hill 5, Tolbert 1, Gammons 4.

7th grade Tigers roll to three wins to remain undefeated

The Elba 7th grade Tigers have been busy in recent weeks and continued to roll over any and all challengers to remain undefeated on the season.

Following are highlights of recent games:

ELBA 51

OPP 20

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and pulled away late to pound the Opp Bobcats 51-20. The Tigers jumped out to a 12-4 first quarter lead, extended their lead to 24-11 by the end of the half and then outscored the Bobcats 27-9 in the second half to claim the big 51-20 win.

Sandarius Reed scored 16 points and Xavier Rodgers added 13 to lead Elba, while Jordane led Opp with 5 points.

Elba (51): Tillis 2, Robinson 2, Martin 3, Robertson 8, Reed 16, Goosby 5, Rodgers 13, Solomon 2.

Opp (20): Jordan 5, Zane 1, Richards 2, Quad 2, Justin 2, Tyler 4, Rico 1.

ELBA 42

N.B. 10

The Elba Tigers took command early and rolled to a 42-10 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Tigers owned a 7-2 lead after one quarter, then outscored the Gamecocks 15-2 in the second quarter to open up a 22-4 halftime advantage as they pulled away and claimed the easy win.

Sandarius Reed scored 22 points to lead Elba, while Farron

led New Brockton with 6 points.

Elba (42): Tillis 6, Robinson 4, Martin 1, Reed 21, Goosby 2, Rodgers 4, Solomon 2, Dean 2, N.B. (10): Vaughan 2, Haynes 2, Farron 6.

Elba 47
N.B. 6

The Elba Tigers took command from the opening tip and rolled to a big 47-6 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Tigers jumped out to a commanding 30-2 lead by the end of the first half over to the lopsided win over their cross-county rivals.

Sandarius Reed scored 20 points to lead Elba and Randall Solomon added 8.

Elba (47): Tillis 4, Robinson 2, Robertson 6, Reed 20, Goosby 3, Rodgers 4, Solomon 8.

N.B. (6): Edwards 2, Driggers 2, Johnson 2.

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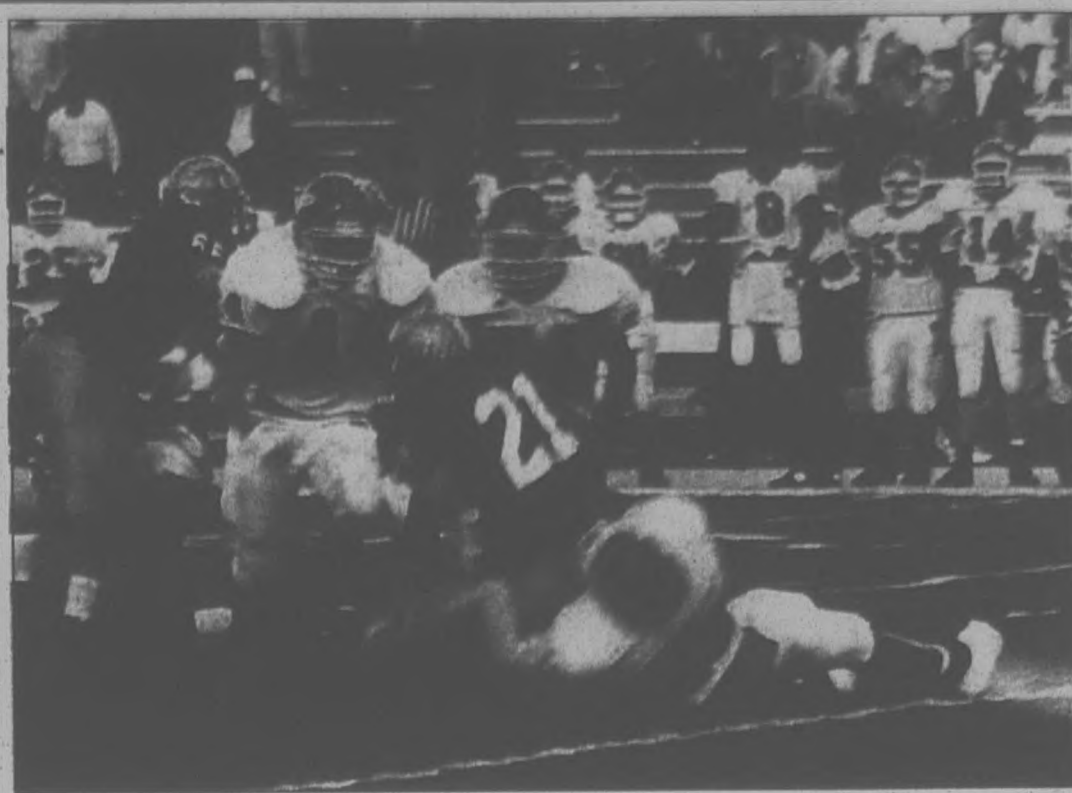
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SPORTS



Brantley Bulldog wide-receiver Shane Corley (18) heads for the endzone after pulling in a pass from Edgar Walker in the second quarter. The scoring pass covered 24 yards and gave the Bulldogs a 12-0 first half lead in the Class 1A state championship game.

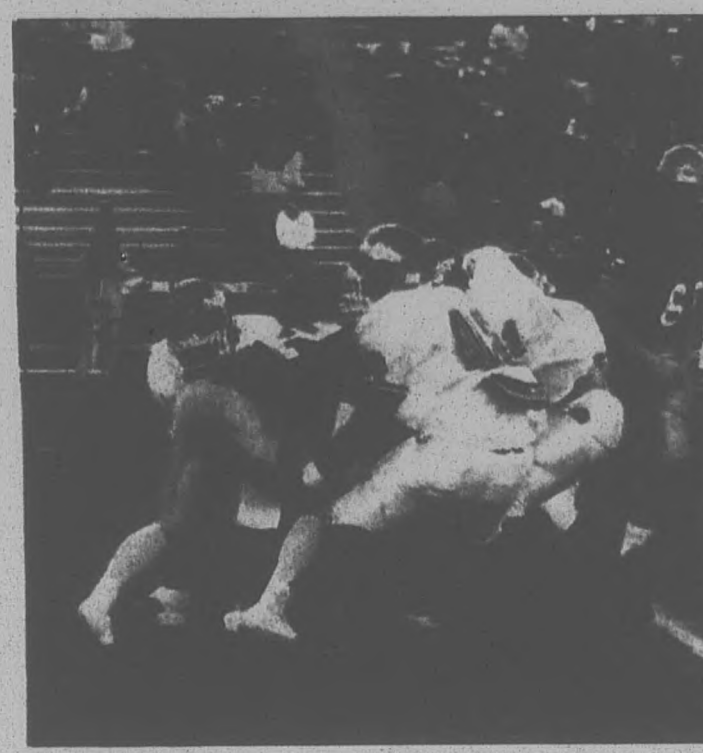


Brantley Bulldog linebacker Jeffery Daniels (10) drags down an Addison running back for a big loss as teammates Corey Latham (44) and Tyler Weaver (54) close in. The Bulldogs closed the season with a 13-2 record with the loss in the state finals.

In 1A state title game

Brantley Bulldogs fall to Addison 21-12

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson and
Ricky Mulaz



Brantley defenders stop an Addison runner for no gain in action last week in the Class 1A state championship. The Bulldogs fell to Addison 21-12 in the state finals to end the season with a 13-2 record.

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Birmingham Friday afternoon to battle the Addison Bulldogs for the state 1A football championship and saw an early 12-0 lead evaporate in the second half as Addison used its powerful running attack and two fourth down touchdown passes to rally past Brantley 21-12.

The Addison offense proved to be its best defense as its ground game ate up chunks of yardage and minutes off the clock, as in the game's final 28 minutes and 16 seconds it kept the ball for over 22 minutes and kept the Brantley offense off the field.

The lone turnover of the afternoon came on the fourth play of

the game when Addison's Kyle Carden intercepted a Brantley pass to stop a Bulldog drive at the Addison 37-yardline.

The two defenses dominated the next five possessions of the game as all five ended in punts. Brantley put the ball in play at its own 25-yardline after the final punt of the series and put an end to the defensive struggle when on first down James Pittman took a handoff on a quick opener and sailed down the field 75 yards for the game's first score. The extra-point try sailed wide, but with 9:54 remaining in the second quarter Brantley was on top 6-0.

The Brantley defense held Addison without a first down for the fourth straight possession on the game's next offensive series, while the Bulldog offense was ready to add to its lead, and did just that to up its advantage to 12-0.

Brantley drove to the Addison 24-yardline behind the hard running of Chris Booker, and then went to the air and hit paydirt when on the seventh play of the drive Edgar Walker connected with Shane Corley on a corner route. Corley pulled in the pass near the 10-yardline and raced into the endzone for the Bulldogs' second touchdown of the quarter. A two-point pass fell incomplete. However, with 4:16 remaining in the half the Bulldogs had 12 points on the scoreboard and Addison had yet to chalk up a first down.

Addison put an end to the Bulldogs' dominance on its ensuing possession as it

marched 68 yards in 14 plays to cut into the Brantley lead. The touchdown came on a four-yard pass on fourth down and goal from Jake Gilliland to Caleb Parker with only 11 remaining in the half, and Mark Fisher kicked the extra-point as Addison cut the Brantley lead to 12-7.

Addison regained possession with 7:33 remaining in the fourth quarter and never gave the ball back to the Bulldogs as it ran out the clock and wrapped up the state title on a 13 play drive that included 13 straight running plays and ended at the Brantley 3-yardline.

The Brantley Bulldogs faced an up hill battle in the playoffs by defeating defending state champion Sweet Water and then facing off against three teams that will all move up to the 2A ranks next season. This bunch of Bulldogs never backed down from any challenge and are to be congratulated for a great season!

James Pittman gained 101 yards on 9 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the Brantley ground game, while Chris Booker added 76 yards on 16 carries. Jeffery Daniels led the defense with 15 tackles.

Caleb Parker led Addison with 85 yards on 22 carries and was named the game's MVP.

STATISTICS

	B	A
11	1st Downs	16
26-167	Rushes-Yds.	49-143
63	Passing Yds.	124
230	Total Offense	267
6-13-1	Passes	7-14-0
48	Return Yds.	78
6-40	Penalties-Yds.	7-50
3-32	Punts-Ave.	4-37



Brantley Bulldog head coach David Lowery talks with the members of the Bulldog defense last week in the state finals at Legion Field. The Bulldogs were defeated by Addison 21-12 in the state championship game. Also pictured are Dexter Daniels (24), Terry McClala (7), Marcus Owens (48) and Scotty Abadilla (69).

SUPER SIX RESULTS

CLASS 1A	Addison 21 Brantley 12
CLASS 2A	Clay County 31 Southern Choctaw 0
CLASS 3A	Pike County 10 Cherokee County 6
CLASS 4A	UMS-Wright 42 Deshler 16
CLASS 5A	Homewood 45 Buckhorn 13
CLASS 6A	Hoover 56 Daphne 14

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Elba council approves two requests for on premises liquor licenses

by Farrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council held two meetings Monday evening, clearing the calendar for the Christmas holidays.

During these meetings the council also approved separate two Alcohol Licenses.

Peppers Yellow Rose Saloon, 853 Troy Highway, had only one person speak in opposition. Joel Martin, who now lives next to this facility in the home of his late parents, was concerned about the noise, parking and trash. The application indicated that the closest church was 1488 feet away and the closest child daycare center was 855 feet

away.

The council approved the application for this Lounge Retail Liquor license, which already had state approval.

Monterey's Mexican Grill, 522 N. Clanton Avenue, was also approved by the council. The application indicated that the closest church was 693.20 feet away. There was no opposition to this application for a Restaurant Retail Liquor license.

Mayor James Grimes estimated each will be legally operational as soon as bonds are posted, licenses issued, etc.

Monthly bills totaling

\$87,255.23 were also approved for payment.

Grimes presented the financial for the first month of the fiscal year and asked council members to call if they had any questions after reviewing the statement.

Police Chief Freddie Hanchey reported that speeding on Old Samson Road is not as bad as it was. Do Not Pass signs and added routine patrolling by police officers has helped control that situation a lot. This action should reduce the automobile accidents in that area said Council Member Mike McKee who had expressed concern over the growing problem at a previous meeting.

Hanchey also responded to questions on several recent fires in town. He acknowledged they appeared suspicious and were under investigation by the police department and state fire marshal. He added that they do have some positive leads in the investigations.

C.C. Commission approves requests of county engineer

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held a brief yet productive meeting Monday morning, Dec. 12, from the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

The only old business on the meeting's agenda was to open bids received for roll off containers. Two companies responded to this bid request, but only one actually submitted a bid.

Ingram Vaul Company offered a no bid while Rudo South submitted a bid for 22 yard and 30 yard containers.

The bid reflected a cost of \$3,075 for 22 yard containers and \$3,275 for 30 yard containers. Also, the bid reflected a cost shipping per yard at \$270 each.

After reviewing the bid, county engineer Randy Tindell asked commissioners to approve the bid from Rudo South. He noted a slight increase from the last time the county bought roll off containers.

After approving Tindell's recommendation, commissioners next approved a request from Tindell to allow him to purchase five 30-yard containers.

A final request from Tindell approved by commissioners gave him permission to purchase from the state surplus lot a tractor with a boom cutter. Tindell said he recently was in

Montgomery and found this tractor with boom cutter on the lot. He said it is in good condition.

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Special award

The Elba Rotary Club held its annual Christmas Party Tuesday evening, Dec. 6, at Moseley's Studio in Elba with 36 Rotarians, spouses and guests attending.

During the events of the evening, a special recognition of honor was bestowed upon Jim Gilmer.

Gilmer received the distinguished "Four Avenues of Service Citation" from Rotary International. The citation recognizes the strength of the Rotary movement and is founded on the service carried out by club members worldwide.

This program provides a means for Rotary clubs to personally recognize one member of the club for his/her outstanding efforts in the Four Avenues

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DEMOLITION WORK PROGRESSING on the portion of the old high school which is being removed to make room for the all new children's playground to be erected on the site. Donations are continuing to be given for the playground's various aspects and construction work is expected to get underway in the early spring. An ongoing fundraiser which any citizen can make a difference, even with a small donation, is giving to the "Prize Package", containing a collection of items donated by over 50 area merchants. Several area merchants are selling tickets for this project. For more information on how to support the playground project check the web site www.elbaalabama.net/playground or call Laurie Chapman at 897-1152.

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Gilmer was chosen as the recipient of the award this year because he continues to display these attributes while serving the Elba Rotary Club.

The annual Christmas party also included three special guests. Olive Ray Martin, Ruth Inman and Gwen Marsh.

These ladies are widows of former Rotarians, and club president Josh Wilson said it has always been a tradition of the Elba Rotary Club to include them in the annual event.

While the annual Christmas party was a time for fellowship, the Elba Rotary Club continues to be active in the community and recently made a presentation to the Elba City Schools as part of its service (Please see Page 14 for additional information on this project).

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